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and wherein either the holes are not all identical in shape and size, the protrusions are not all identical in shape and size, or both.

10. A method of producing a brush, comprising:
- 5 forming a bristle carrier including at least one hole having a protrusion projecting from a bottom of the hole;
- heating the protrusion and at least a portion of the wall of the hole; and inserting a sheaf of bristles into the hole, wherein
- when heated, material from the protrusion flows about the
- 10 bristles, retaining them in the hole, and
- the sheaf of bristles is not perpendicular to a surface of the bristle carrier containing an opening of the hole.
11. The method of claim <sup>10</sup>~~1~~, further comprising fusing an end of the sheaf to form
- 15 a fuse-ball having a greater diameter than a diameter of the sheaf.
12. The method of claim <sup>11</sup>~~12~~, wherein the fusing is performed thermally or chemically.
13. The method of claim <sup>11</sup>~~13~~, wherein the fusing is performed thermally, and wherein the sheaf is inserted in the hole while the fuse-ball is still warm.
14. The method of claim 12, further comprising pressing a portion of the wall of the hole around the fuse.
- 25 15. The method of claim 11, wherein the step of forming comprises injection molding or compression molding.

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